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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to amendment /reconsideration filed on 02/15/2008, the amendment/reconsideration has been considered. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 22 have been amended, claims 1, 3, 5, 9-11, 13, 15, 19-22 are pending for examination, the rejection cited as stated below.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on DATE have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. In the remarks, applicant argued in substance that

(a) Prior art of record, "Yada and Schlonski" does not teach "Determining unit and the communication control unit as recited in independent claims 1, 11, 21 and 22.

(b) Prior art of record, "Yada and Schlonski" does not teach, "wherein the notification issued by said communication controlling unit includes information indicating that either the first device identification information or the second device identification information is not being managed".

(c) Prior art of record, "Yada and Schlonski" does not teach, "wherein said communication controlling unit restricts issuing the accounting information obtained from the predetermined device by said obtaining unit to the external apparatus if said determination unit determines either the first device identification information or second device identification is not being managed"

As to point (A), Examiner after given the broadest interpretation to the claim language, respectfully disagree and maintain the rejection of last office action dated 11/19/2007. Further to explain Yada discloses in Fig.8, step (8-2 – s8-11) are equivalent to determination unit, where various decision are made based on hardware and software configuration as for communication control unit is suggested in Yada, Fig.6, [0056], where IP and MAC addresses are searched and decision is made in light of Fig.8, [0062].

As to point (B), Examiner respectfully disagree and points to Yada Fig.8 step (8-2 - s8-6), where communication log is analyzed and alarm notification is issued it can be noted that to send the notification there has to be a communication unit in place and beside it will be obvious to one of the ordinary skilled in the art to adapt various mode of modifications in compliance to invention.

As to point (c) Examiner respectfully disagree and suggest that restricting issuing the accounting information obtain from the predetermined device is merely an extension of Yada, Fig.8, step (s8-8 – s8-12), where counting of number of licenses can be equivalent to accounting information and further this restriction comes by way of software module which can merely be a set of instruction or predetermined policy which is well known in the art for details please refer back to the last office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S.C 102 and 103(a) not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

4. Claim 1, 3, 5, 9-11, 13, 15, 19-22, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yada (Pub. No.: Us 2001/0029474 A1), hereinafter "Yada" in view of Schlonski et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0093521 A1), hereinafter "Schlonski".
5. Yada and Schlaonski have been cited as prior arts in the last office action. The teachings that applicable are respectfully maintained and incorporated by reference as set forth in the last office action.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAUQIR HUSSAIN whose telephone number is (571)270-1247. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571 272 3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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